STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION HELENA, MONTANA

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Oil and Gas Conservation will hold a business meeting at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at its office located at 2535 St. Johns Avenue, Billings, Montana. The agenda for that meeting is:

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Approval of minutes of May 17, 2000, business meeting
- 3. Opportunity for public comment
- 4. Bond report
- 5. Financial report
- 6. Proposed rule revisions
- 7. Longevity award presentations
- 8. Staff reports

The Board will conduct public hearings pursuant to Chapter 11 of Title 82 of the Montana Code Annotated on the matters described below beginning at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, July 13, 2000, in the Billings Petroleum Club, Sheraton Hotel, Billings, Montana. For more information or to request accommodation for a disability, please contact Terri Perrigo at (406) 444-6675 or Tom Richmond at (406) 656-0040 as soon as possible before the scheduled hearing.

Docket No. 85-2000

APPLICANT: HEADINGTON OIL, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP - RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **HEADINGTON OIL, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP** to permit the production of oil and associated natural gas from the Duperow Formation through its Bakken #22-2 well located in the N½ Section 2, T21N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, as an exception to the Crane Field rules established by Board Order 40-79.

Docket No. 86-2000

APPLICANT: HEADINGTON OIL, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP - RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **HEADINGTON OIL, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP** to permit the drilling of an additional Red River Formation well in the S½ of Section 2, T21N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, as an exception to the Crane Field rules established by Board Order 40-79. The requested location of said exception well is the SW¼SE¼ of said Section 2, not closer than 660 feet to the spacing unit boundary with a 75 foot tolerance in any direction for topographic or geologic reasons.

Docket No. 87-2000

APPLICANT: HEADINGTON OIL, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP - ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **HEADINGTON OIL, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP** to designate the W½ f Section 3, T29N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, as a permanent spacing unit for the production of oil and associated natural gas from the Ratcliffe Formation and to designate the Crusch #22X-3 well as the permitted well for said spacing unit.

Docket No. 88-2000

APPLICANT: HEADINGTON OIL, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP - RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **HEADINGTON OIL**, **LIMITED PARTNERSHIP** to designate the SE¼of Section 35 and the SW¼of Section 36, T22N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, as a permanent spacing unit for the production of oil and associated natural gas from the Duperow and Mission Canyon Formations. Applicant further requests that its Atchison-State #44X-35 well be designated as the permitted well for production from said formations within the permanent spacing unit.

Docket No. 89-2000

APPLICANT: FLYING J OIL & GAS INC. - RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **FLYING J OIL & GAS INC.** for a Class II saltwater disposal permit for its Vaira B-1 well in the NENE of Section 35, T25N-R54E, Richland County, Montana. The source of the injected fluids will be produced water from the Dawson Bay Formation. The proposed disposal zones are the Dakota Formation from 4987 feet to 5184 feet and the Lakota Formation from 5230 feet to 5396 feet.

Docket No. 90-2000

APPLICANT: OIL RECOVERY ENHANCEMENT, LLC - PETROLEUM COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **OIL RECOVERY ENHANCEMENT, LLC** to develop the Cat Creek Field in Sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of T15N-R29E, Petroleum County, Montana, by accessing the oil reservoir from beneath the oil bearing horizons by blind-boring a vertical shaft with an inside diameter of ten feet to approximately 1250 feet below the surface and then to drive a shaft ten feet by ten feet horizontally with appropriately spaced drill stations. Multiple production wells will then be driven and completed from each drill station at varying angles up into the reservoir. The oil slurry will be gravity fed to a collection sump in the tunnel and then pumped to the surface for separation and transport. Applicant may continue to produce from existing surface wells while developing its enhanced recovery infrastructure. Applicant will submit a detailed plan of operations about two weeks prior to the July 13, 2000, public hearing.

Docket No. 91-2000

APPLICANT: BOWERS OIL & GAS, INC. - FALLON COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **BOWERS OIL & GAS, INC.** to amend Board Order 77-2000 to waive the notice requirement of A.R.M. 36.22.601 for drilling permits in the South Plevna Field established by Board Order 77-2000.

Docket No. 92-2000

APPLICANT: CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. - SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.** to designate the NE½ of Section 16 and the NW¼ of Section 15, T35N-R56E, Sheridan County, Montana, as a permanent spacing unit for the production of oil and associated natural gas from the Winnipegosis , Nisku, Charles and/or Mission Canyon/Ratcliffe Formations and to designate the #1-16 Vesterby-State well as the permitted well for production from said formations within said spacing unit.

Docket No. 93-2000

APPLICANT: SAGEBRUSH PETROLEUM, INC. - FALLON COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **SAGEBRUSH PETROLEUM, INC.** to vacate the Plevna Field rules established by Board Orders 34-54 and 4-57 and to establish 160 acre permanent spacing units consisting of regular governmental quarter sections for the Judith River/Eagle Formations underlying the following described lands in Fallon County, Montana:

<u>T5N-R59E</u> All of Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13 and 24

<u>T5N-R60E</u> All of Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33

> <u>T6N-R59E</u> All of Sections 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36

> > T6N-R60E All of Sections 30 and 31.

Applicant requests that wells be located a minimum of 660 feet from the external boundaries of each spacing unit with a 75 foot tolerance for topographic reasons. Applicant further requests that its Hanson #20-16 well and its Thoms #28-16 well be designated as the permitted wells for the SE¼of Section 20, T5N-R60E and the SE¼of Section 28, T5N-R60E respectively.

Docket No. 94-2000

APPLICANT: BERCO RESOURCES, LLC - RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **BERCO RESOURCES, LLC** to amend the Lonetree Creek Field rules, Richland County, Montana, as established by Board Orders 29-72 and 50-95 to include the Interlake Formation for the existing 320 acre spacing units consisting of the E½and W½of Section 9, T24N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, and to permit the commingling of Red River and Interlake production in the permitted wells in said spacing units.

Docket No. 95-2000

APPLICANT: MACUM ENERGY, INC. - GARFIELD COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **MACUM ENERGY**, **INC.** to drill a Tyler Formation oil test well in the SW½SE¼of Section 26, T16N-R38E, Garfield County, Montana, at a location 2375 FEL and 1116 FSL as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702 with a 75 foot tolerance for topographic reasons.

Docket No. 96-2000

APPLICANT: OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. - BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.** to amend the Sawtooth Mountain Field rules established by Board Order 45-76 to permit the drilling of three additional Eagle Sand Formation gas wells on a quarter section basis within Section 20, T27N-R19E, Blaine County, Montana, with 990 foot setbacks from the section line and minimum setbacks of 660 feet from the interior quarter section boundary lines thereof with a 100 foot tolerance in any direction for topographic or geologic reasons.

Docket No. 97-2000

APPLICANT: OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. - CHOUTEAU COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.** to permit the drilling of an additional Eagle-Virgelle Formation gas well 700 FNL and 900 FEL in Section 21, T27N-R17E, Chouteau County, Montana, with 75 foot tolerance in any direction for topographic or geologic reasons as an exception to the Bullwacker Field rules established by Board Order 26-74.

Docket No. 98-2000

APPLICANT: OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. - CHOUTEAU COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.** to permit the drilling of an additional Eagle-Virgelle Formation gas well 700 FNL and 2200 FEL in Section 21, T27N-R16E, Chouteau County, Montana, with a 75 foot tolerance in any direction for topographic or geologic reasons as an exception to Board Order 26-74 which established the Bullwacker Field.

Docket No. 99-2000

APPLICANT: OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. - CHOUTEAU COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.** to drill an additional Eagle-Virgelle Formation gas well in the S½ of Section 21, T27N-R16E, Chouteau County, as an exception to the Bullwacker Field rules established by Board Order 26-74. Applicant requests that the additional well be located 800 FEL and 660 FSL in Section 21, T27N-R16E, Chouteau County, Montana, with a 75 foot tolerance in any direction for topographic or geologic reasons.

Docket No. 100-2000

APPLICANT: OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. - CHOUTEAU COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.** to drill an additional Eagle-Virgelle Formation gas well 660 FNL and 900 FWL in Section 22, T27N-R16E, Chouteau County, Montana, with a 125 foot tolerance in any direction for topographic or geologic reasons as an exception to the Bullwacker Field rules established by Board Orders 26-74 and 52-99.

Docket No. 101-2000

APPLICANT: OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. - BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.** to drill an Eagle Sand Formation gas well 864 FEL and 818 FSL in Section 20, T27N-R18E, Blaine County, Montana, with a 75 foot tolerance in any direction for topographic or geologic reasons as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702.

Docket No. 102-2000

APPLICANT: OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. - BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.** to drill three additional Eagle Sand Formation gas wells on a quarter section basis within Section 13, T27N-R19E, Blaine County, Montana, as an exception to the Sawtooth Mountain Field rules established by Board Order 45-76. Applicant requests that said wells be not closer than 990 feet to the section line and not closer than 660 feet to the interior quarter section boundary lines with a 100 foot tolerance in any direction for topographic or geologic reasons.

Docket No. 103-2000

APPLICANT: OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. - BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.** to permit the drilling of an additional Eagle Sand Formation gas well 1300 FWL and 1700 FSL in Section 17, T27N-R19E, Blaine County, Montana, with a 100 foot tolerance in any direction for topographic or geologic reasons as an exception to the Sawtooth Mountain Field rules established by Board Order 45-76.

Docket No. 104-2000

APPLICANT: OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. - BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.** to amend the Sawtooth Mountain Field rules established by Board Orders 45-76 and 68-98 to permit the drilling of its G.Read #11-6-27-18 well at a location 2669 FEL and 2273 FNL in Section 11, T27N-R18E, Blaine County, Montana, with a 75 foot tolerance in any direction for topographic or geologic reasons.

Docket No. 105-2000

APPLICANT: OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. - BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.** to amend the Sawtooth Mountain Field rules established by Board Orders 45-76 and 68-98 to drill its G. Read #11-13-27-18 well at a location 1108 FWL and 990 FSL in Section 11, T27N-R18E, Blaine County, Montana, with a 75 foot tolerance in any direction for topographic or geologic reasons as an exception to Board Order 68-98.

Docket No. 106-2000

APPLICANT: OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. - BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.** to drill its US #15-6-27-18 well at a location 1798 FNL and 2518 FWL in Section 15, T27N-R18E, Blaine County, Montana, with a 75 foot tolerance in any direction for topographic or geologic reasons as an exception to the Sawtooth Mountain Field rules established by Board Orders 45-76 and 21-99.

Docket No. 107-2000

APPLICANT: OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. - BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.** to drill its US #15-11-27-18 well at a location 2201 FWL and 1574 FSL in Section 15, T27N-R18E, Blaine County, Montana, with a 75 foot tolerance in any direction for topographic or geologic reasons as an exception to the Sawtooth Mountain Field rules established by Board Order 21-99.

Docket No. 108-2000

APPLICANT: OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. - BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.** to drill its Moore #21-5-27-18 well at a location 660 FWL and 1800 FSL in Section 21, T27N-R18E, Blaine County, Montana, with a 75 foot tolerance in any direction for topographic or geologic reasons as an exception to the Sawtooth Mountain Field rules established by Board Orders 45-76 and 23-99.

APPLICANT: OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. - HILL COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.** to drill an Eagle Sand Formation gas well at a location 2050 FEL and 480 FNL in Section 29, T30N-R15E, Hill County, Montana. The referenced tract is Indian land and any decision on this application will be made by the United States Bureau of Land Management.

Docket No. 110-2000

APPLICANT: MISSOURI RIVER ROYALTY CORPORATION - ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **MISSOURI RIVER ROYALTY CORPORATION** to designate the E½of Section 28, T28N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, as the spacing unit for production from the Mission Canyon Formation and to designate the Leo Robinson No. 28-10 well in the NWSE of said Section 28 as the permitted well for said spacing unit.

Docket No. 111-2000

APPLICANT: LUFF EXPLORATION COMPANY - RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **LUFF EXPLORATION COMPANY** to drill a second well for all formations within the spacing unit comprised of the N½of Section 17, T26N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, as an exception to the North Sioux Pass Field rules established by Board Orders 12-75, 17-76 and 8-79.

Docket No. 112-2000

APPLICANT: LUFF EXPLORATION COMPANY - RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **LUFF EXPLORATION COMPANY** to drill a second well as to all formations within the spacing unit comprised of the S½ Section 1, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, as an exception to the North Sioux Pass Field rules established by Board Orders 12-75, 17-76 and 8-79.

Docket No. 113-2000

APPLICANT: LUFF EXPLORATION COMPANY - RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **LUFF EXPLORATION COMPANY** for an order amending the North Sioux Pass Field rules established by Board Orders 12-75, 17-76 and 8-79 by abolishing the spacing unit comprised of the NW¼of Section 7, T26N-R58E and the NE¼of Section 12, T26N-R57E, and also abolishing the spacing unit comprised of the E½of Section 7, T26N-R58E, as to all formations except the Ratcliffe. Applicant requests creation of a spacing unit consisting of the N½of Section 7, T26N-R58E for all spaced formations except the Ratcliffe Formation. Applicant also requests that two vertical wells or one horizontal well be permitted as to each spaced formation within the new spacing unit as an exception to the North Sioux Pass Field rules (Richland County, Montana).

Docket No. 114-2000

APPLICANT: BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY - FALLON COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY** for a Class II saltwater disposal permit for its BN #43-35 well located 1980 FSL and 660 FEL in Section 35, T9N-R58E, Fallon County, Montana. The source of the injected fluids will be produced water from the Red River Formation in the Monarch Field. The proposed disposal zone is the Mission Canyon Formation at a depth of 7294 to 7518 feet. Applicant has applied for an aquifer exemption.

Docket No. 115-2000

APPLICANT: XENO, INC. - BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **XENO, INC.** to designate Section 17, T35N-R19E, Blaine County, Montana, as a temporary spacing unit for the Eagle and Niobrara Formations at a location less than 990 feet from the exterior boundaries of the requested temporary spacing unit. Applicant also requests permission to drill, complete and produce up to four wells per producing zone, formation or horizon within the requested temporary spacing unit as to all zones, formations or horizons from the surface of the earth to the top of the Mowry Formation. Applicant further requests that as to any well drilled and completed it be allowed to commingle natural gas downhole and produce the same. Applicant's setback request is non-specific at this point because it is awaiting further seismic information. It will furnish the Board's office in Billings, Montana, with a more specific description of its proposed setback locations not later than Monday, July 10, 2000.

Docket No. 116-2000

APPLICANT: XENO, INC. - BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **XENO, INC.** to designate the N½of Section 16, T35N-R19E, Blaine County, Montana, as a temporary spacing unit for production of natural gas from all zones from the surface of the earth to the top of the Mowry Formation and to drill and produce two wells per producing zone, formation or horizon in the temporary spacing unit and to drill a well to test for the presence of natural gas from the Eagle and/or Niobrara Formations at a location less than 990 feet from the requested spacing unit boundaries. Applicant will furnish the Board's office in Billings, Montana, with a more specific description of its proposed setback locations not later than Monday, July 10, 2000.

Docket No. 117-2000

APPLICANT: XENO, INC. - BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **XENO**, **INC.** to drill two wells to test for the presence of natural gas from the Eagle and/or Niobrara Formations at locations less than 990 feet from the exterior boundaries of the permanent spacing consisting of the S½of Section 16 and the N½of Section 21, T35N-R19E, Blaine County, Montana. Applicant will furnish the Board's office in Billings, Montana, with a more specific description of its proposed setback locations not later than Monday, July 10, 2000.

Docket No. 118-2000

APPLICANT: XENO, INC. - BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **XENO, INC.** to designate the S½of Section 21, T35N-R19E, Blaine County, Montana, as a temporary spacing unit for production of natural gas from all zones from the surface of the earth to the top of the Mowry Formation and giving applicant authority to drill and produce two wells per producing zone, formation or horizon in said requested temporary spacing unit. Applicant requests the permitted wells be located anywhere within the spacing unit but not closer than 660 feet to the spacing unit boundaries with a 75 foot tolerance for topographic reasons. Applicant further requests that it be allowed to commingle natural gas production downhole and produce the same.

Docket No. 119-2000

APPLICANT: XENO, INC. - BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **XENO, INC.** to designate all of Section 8, T35N-R19E, Blaine County, Montana, as a temporary spacing unit for production of natural gas for all zones from the surface of the earth to the top of the Mowry Formation and to drill and produce up to four wells per producing zone in the requested temporary spacing unit and to drill a test well for Eagle and/or Niobrara Formation gas at a location less than 990 feet from the spacing unit boundaries. Applicant will furnish the Board's office in Billings, Montana, with a more specific description of its proposed setback locations not later than Monday, July 10, 2000.

Docket No. 120-2000

APPLICANT: NRC DEVELOPMENT, LLC - TOOLE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **NRC DEVELOPMENT, LLC** to pool all interests in the natural gas in the Bow Island, Sunburst, and Swift Formations underlying the N½of Section 18, T33N-R2W, Toole County, Montana, on the basis of surface acreage.

Docket No. 121-2000

APPLICANT: WASCANA OIL AND GAS, INC. - SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **WASCANA OIL AND GAS, INC.** for an order approving the operation of an enhanced recovery unit for oil and gas within the Nisku Formation underlying the following described lands in Flat Lake Field, Sheridan County, Montana:

T37N-R57E

Section 1: SW1/4

Section 2: S1/SE, S1/SW, NW1/SW1/4

Section 3: SE1/4
Section 4: SW 1/4

Section 5: SE1/4

Section 8: All

Section 9: All

Section 10: All

Section 11: All

Section 12: All

Section 14: N½

Section 15: All

Section 15. All

Section 16: All

Section 17: NE1/4

This application is submitted pursuant to the provisions of M.C.A. 82-11-204, et.seq.

Docket No. 122-2000

APPLICANT: KLABZUBA OIL & GAS, INC. - HILL COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **KLABZUBA OIL & GAS, INC.** to drill a well to test prospective zones and formations from the surface to the base of the Sawtooth Formation at a location 850 FNL and 1500 FEL in Section 10, T33N-R15E, Hill County, Montana, with a 100 foot tolerance in any direction for topographic or geologic reasons as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702.

Docket No. 123-2000

APPLICANT: KLABZUBA OIL & GAS, INC. - HILL COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **KLABZUBA OIL & GAS, INC.** to designate the S½ f Section 8 and the N½ f Section 17, T33N-R14E, Hill County, Montana, as a permanent spacing unit for the production of gas from the Eagle Sand Formation and to designate the Higgins #8-33-14 well as the permitted well for said permanent spacing unit.

Docket No. 124-2000

APPLICANT: POWDER RIVER GAS, L.L.C. - POWDER RIVER COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **POWDER RIVER GAS, L.L.C.** to designate the SW¼of Section 16, T4S-R48E, Powder River County, Montana, as a temporary spacing unit to drill up to five wells to the Fort Union Formation as a pilot project to test the coal bed methane potential, said wells to be located not closer than 330 feet to another well and not closer than 220 feet to the exterior boundaries of the spacing unit. AT THE TIME THIS NOTICE WAS PREPARED, ALL COAL BED METHANE DRILLING PERMITS WERE ON HOLD AS A RESULT OF PENDING LITIGATION WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE BOARD WILL ACT ON THIS APPLICATION.

Docket No. 125-2000

APPLICANT: POWDER RIVER GAS, L.L.C. - POWDER RIVER COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **POWDER RIVER GAS, L.L.C.** to designate the NE½ of Section 36, T3S-R47E, Powder River County, Montana, as a temporary spacing unit to drill up to five wells to the Fort Union Formation as a pilot project to test the coal bed methane potential, said wells to be located not closer than 330 feet to another well and not closer than 220 feet to the exterior boundaries of the spacing unit. AT THE TIME THIS NOTICE WAS PREPARED, ALL COAL BED METHANE DRILLING PERMITS WERE ON HOLD AS A RESULT OF PENDING LITIGATION WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE BOARD WILL ACT ON THIS APPLICATION.

Docket No. 126-2000

APPLICANT: POWDER RIVER GAS, L.L.C. - POWDER RIVER COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **POWDER RIVER GAS, L.L.C.** to designate the NE½ of Section 36, T4S-R47E, Powder River County, Montana, as a temporary spacing unit to drill up to five wells to the Fort Union Formation as a pilot project to test the coal bed methane potential, said wells to be located not closer than 330 feet to another well and not closer than 220 feet to the exterior boundaries of the spacing unit. AT THE TIME THIS NOTICE WAS PREPARED, ALL COAL BED METHANE DRILLING PERMITS WERE ON HOLD AS A RESULT OF PENDING LITIGATION WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE BOARD WILL ACT ON THIS APPLICATION.

Docket No. 96-99 Continued from October 28, 1999

APPLICANT: NORTHERN OIL PRODUCTION, INC. - SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **NORTHERN OIL PRODUCTION, INC.** to designate the NE3 of Section 14, T34N-R56E, Sheridan County, Montana, as the spacing unit for production from the #1 Larsh well in said quarter section as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702 (4). The #1 Larsh well is producing from the Red River Formation. Applicant further requests that the Board determine that the 160 acre spacing unit shall apply to all formations capable of production in the above-described location and spacing unit.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Terri Perrigo, Executive Secretary